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National Programme for Healthcare of the Elderly
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has formulated a National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) in order to ensure that a comprehensive healthcare is set up that is completely dedicated and tuned to the needs of the elderly;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the programme;

(c) whether the aforesaid programme is likely to be aligned with National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) so as to ensure convergence amongst them and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the various other initiatives and programmes implemented by the Government for easy access to the preventive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare of the elderly and the funds allocated to various States under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether any work has been done in the realm of healthcare for the elderly by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) as part of their CSR activities as mandated by the Companies Act, 2013; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated therefor during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had launched the "National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly" (NPHCE) during 2010-11 to address various health related problems of elderly people.

The major objectives of NPHCE are establishment of Department of Geriatric in identified Medical Institutions as Regional Geriatric Centres for different regions of the country

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and to provide dedicated health facilities in District Hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Sub-Centres (SCs) levels through State Health Society. The salient features of the programme are as follows:

i) Setting up of Geriatric department in identified Regional Geriatric Centres (RGC) with OPD care services and 30 bedded Geriatric ward for providing indoor services..
ii) Setting up of Geriatric units at District Hospitals that will provide specialist services. A 10 bedded Geriatric Ward will also be set up for providing indoor services.
iii) Establishment of Rehabilitation unit at all Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Geriatric clinic twice/week.
iv) Setting up weekly Geriatric clinic by trained medical Officer at Primary Health Centres (PHCs).
v) IEC on healthy life style, home care to the bed ridden and supportive devices for the needy elderly persons at sub-centre level.

In addition, Two National Centres of Ageing (NCAs) have been approved to be set-up under the tertiary level activities of the programme, within the premises of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and Madras Medical College (MMC), Chennai. The functions of the NCAs are as indicated below:-
â€¢ Health Care delivery with 200 bedded facility
â€¢ Training of Health Professionals
â€¢ Research activity
â€¢ Development of Health Professionals.

â€¢ Development of IEC material and course curricula.
(c): The programme is being implemented under Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) flexible pool within the overarching umbrella of National Health Mission for Districts and below in the States/UTs.
(d): At present, Government of India has launched a Senior Citizen Health Insurance scheme with effect from 01.04.2016, as a top up scheme of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY). The scheme will provide health coverage to senior citizen who are aged 60 years and above belonging to BPL category. Under this scheme the health coverage is for Rs. 30,000/- per annum per senior citizen for treatment packages, over and above RSBY entitlement. The scheme would be cashless and run on the RSBY platform as an add-on cover. The add on cover of Rs. 30,000/- per senior citizen will be for treatment of senior citizen only.
The Details of funds allocated under NPHCE during 2013-14 to 2015-16 and the current year are at Annexure-I, II & III.
(e) & (f): No such work has been done by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for healthcare for the elderly under NPHCE.
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